

Subject: Re: FW: San Pedro update
From: Lorena Parker <lparker@sanpedrobid.com>
Date: 08/22/2016 12:04 PM
To: Linda Grimes <llgrimes@ix.netcom.com>

Linda,

We are not abandoning the Art Scene ads.

Not to worry.

Best regards,

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On Mon, Aug 22, 2016 at 11:08 AM, Linda Grimes <llgrimes@ix.netcom.com> wrote:

Happy Monday, Lorena!

Hope you are well?

Is this true - has the PBID abandoned the Arts Scene ad?

It was the one legitimate ad for the galleries here in Pedro.

I understand if funding was an issue - perhaps we could chat about this at our next Marketing Committee meeting?

Linda Grimes,

Managing Director - **San Pedro Waterfront Arts District**

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From: peggy sivert zask [mailto:southbaycontemporary@gmail.com]
Sent: Friday, August 19, 2016 4:54 PM
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What can we do about this ?

Peggy

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From: **Artscenecal** <artscene@artscenecal.com>
Date: Friday, August 19, 2016
Subject: San Pedro update
To: ArtScene <artscene@artscenecal.com>
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Hi all

I've been really happy to help promote the San Pedro gallery scene for a number of years (about 20!), but some new developments now put both the district and our capacity to continue to promote all of you at real risk.

Until its demise the CRA was a real rock of support in helping you build your visibility and the popularity of the First Thursday Art Walk. Steve Robbins,

while he headed the Business Improvement District, was able to sustain that support, at least as far as our vehicles ArtScene and Visual Art Source were concerned.

However, since the staff turnover at the BID we have learned that the budgeting to support you has been effectively zeroed out. We have now had to discontinue the regular display ad as of the September issue. There are several more Email Announcements remaining from the previously paid annual block; but it is not at all clear that will continue.

The announced eviction of Ron Linden's Transvagrant and Peggy Zask's South Bay Contemporary adds to my concern that the, for so long vital network of local galleries may be unraveling. You've had a unique scene, anchored by the community of artists, and not dependent on the L.A. "mainstream."

If, indeed, the BID has decided to abandon their support for the arts district, then the writing is sadly on the wall. I, for my part, will be sorry to see that happen. It is up to all of you to persuade the BID to reverse its recent course. I'd like to know if this course of action is going to be pursued, and if so I'd also like to know if we can be of some assistance. Please respond individually as you see fit.

Bill

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